Other allowances relating to stations abroad are reviewed from time to time, in consultation with the mission concerned depending upon changes in local conditions including cost of living and othir relevant factors. A proposal to pay India-based employees in Moscow fully in hard currency is presently being processed.

Foreign visits by Prime Minister

3266. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the foreign countries visited by the Prime Minister of India as well as Minister of External Affairs during the last six months;

(b) the objectives and outcome of each such visit; and

(c) what steps Government have taken so far at international level conference of official levels meetings to check Pakistan's continued propaganda war over Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The information is given in statements at Statement-I and II, which are laid on the Table of the House. (See below)

(c) Government have apprised foreign Governments about the correct historical perspective of the Kashmir issue, Pakistan's illegal occupation of a part of Kashmir and its encouragement and sponsorship of terrorism and subversion. There is acknowledgement by foreign Governments as well as independent observers of Pakistan's role and the Government of Pakistan has been cautioned by foreign Governments to desist from such activity.

Statement I

Visits of Prime Minister Abroad

Country visited	Dates of Visit	Objectives/Outcome
1	2	3
Germany	September 5 - 7, 1991	The visit was a essentially a good-will visit, the main purpose of which was to inaugurate, along with Chancellor Kohl, the Festival of India. The visit provided an opportunity for extensive exchanges with German leades on bilateral and international issues including Indo-German economic and commercial relations.
Zimbabwe	October 15– 22, 1991	To attend the Commonwelth Heads of Government Meeting held at Harare. The Prime Minister also met a number of Commonwealth leaders and discussed bilateral and international questions.
Venezuela	November 27– 29, 1991	Led the Indian delegation to the Second Meeting of the Summit Level Group on South-South Consultation and Cooperation (G-15) of which India is a member.
Sri Lanka	December 21, 1991	To attend the Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State/Government of the member countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) at Colombo.

1	2	3
New York (UN)	January 31, 1992	To attend the Security Council Meeting at the Summit level. Prime Minister not only articulated India s views on issues under consideration, but also utilised this opportunity for important bilateral meetings with the Heads of State/Government attending the Summit.
Switzerland	February 2-3, 1992	Addressed to Plenary Session of the Annual Meeting of World Economic Leaders organised by he World Economic Forum at Davos.

Statement – II

Visit of Minister of External Affairs Abraod

Country Visited	Date of Visit	Objective/Outcome
1	2	3
Ghana	2-9-91—7-9-91	To attend Non-aligned Ministerial Meeting at Accra.
Kenya	9-9-91— 10-9-91	Trasnsit visit External Affairs Minister had a meeting with his cunterpart and discussed bilateral issues and global issues of mutual interest.
Germany	18-9-91— 20-9-91	Bilateral Consultations
U.K.	20-9-91—23-9-91	Bilateral Consultations.
New York (UN)	23-9-91—29-9-91	To attend 46th Session of UN General Assembly.
Canada	30-9-91— 3-10-91	Bilateral Consultations.
Zimbabwe	15-10-91— 22-10-91	Accompanied Prime Minister to attend Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings at Harare.
France	23-10-91— 25-10-91	To sign the final agreements for the comprehensive political settlement of Cambodian conflict.
Iran	9-11-91— 12-11-91	To participate in the 5th Session of Indo-Iranian Joint Commission Meeting. Visit was highly successful in laying the ground for the all round development of Indo-Iranian bilateral relations.
USSR	14-11-91— 18-11-91	Paid an official visit at the invitation of the then Foreign Minister of USSR, Mr. Boris Pankin. He held detailed discussions with the then President of USSR, Mr. Gorbachev, President Yelstin of Russian Federation and other leaders. Detailed discussions were held on all aspect of bilateral relations.

1	2	3
Venezela . . .	27-11-91—29-11-91	To participate in the 2nd Summit level meeting of the Group of South-South. Consultation and Cooperation (G-15) of which India is a member.
Sri Lanka . . .	20-12-91—22-12-91	To attend the resumed 10th Session of Council of Minister Meeting and Sixth Meeting of the Heads of State or Government of the Member Countries of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) held at Colombo.
Egypt;	12-1-92—16-1-92	For periodic bilateral Consultations.
Japan	19-1-92—24-1-92	The Visit was at the invitation of the Deputy Minister & Foreign Minister of Japan, Mr. Michio Watanabe. Visit generated further positive momentum in the political and economic dialogue between the two countries, particularly in context at of changed international climate and our new economic policies.
Switzerland (Davos) .	29-1-92—2-2-92	To participate in the Annual Meeting of World Economic Leaders organised by the World Economic Forum.
Cyprus;	3-2-92—5-2-92	To attend the meeting of the Methodolegy Committee of the Non-aligned Movement.
Switzerland (Geneva) .	6-2-92	To participate in o meeting of G-15 Foreign Minister which discussed Position Paper on New World Order.
Kuwait	15-2-92—16-2-92	The visit was official and it was aimed at furthering good bilateral relations, which have always existed between the two countries.

Interview given by Indian Ambassador to Romania

3267. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report published in the 'Indian Express' of 9rd March, 1992 under the heading "PHRO flays Ribeiro statement";

(b) if so, what are the details of the interview given by the Indian Ambassador to Romania about the human rights groups;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ambassador described the human rights group as a bunch of misguided lawyers-misdirecting terrorists and demanded a closer look into its credentials; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir